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Please insert the following paragraph into the specification, making it the first paragraph of the application:

This application claims priority to and extends the teachings and disclosures of the following applications: U.S. Application Serial No. 09/729,554 for Golf Ball Utilizing Silicone Materials, Michael J. Sullivan, et al., filed December 4, 2000; which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/048,578 for Improved Golf Ball Utilizing Silicone Materials, Michael J. Sullivan, et al., filed March 26, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,159,110, issued on December 12, 2000.